

**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, October 16,
1792, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe
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Dear Sir

You have before this I presume heard of the death of Colo. Geo. Mason wh. was abt. the 8th of this moth of the gout in the stomach. His patriotic virtues thro the revolution will ever be remembered by the citizens of this country, and his death at the present moment will be sensibly felt by the republican interest. We intended to have rested a day or two with him on our way, and this event will probably render us a day sooner in Phila.

We expect Mr. Madison here tomorrow & to set out on the 20th together. We may possibly stay a day at Mount Vernon so that avoiding accidents we shod. be in Phila. certainly by the 28 or 30th.

R.H. Lee has notified to the assembly his determination to withdraw from his present station & in consequence thereof they have fixed on the 15 to supply his place. The term of the successor to commence immidiately after the election. Dr. Lee, Harvie, & F. Corbin were mentioned to me by the last post as the only competitors. I think it probable some other person may be brought forward, but this is conjecture only.

I hear from Mr. Beckly

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there is no prospect of comfortable accomodations upon reasonable

terms. I had hopes that one of Seckells houses might have been finished but presume tis not the case. Tis dreadful to take a post off the pavement again. However we will be there in time to look out before the commencement of the session. We shod. like (provided we cannot accomodate ourselves agreeably in yr. neighbourhood) to get the house Burr lived in last winter. I think he told me he did not intend to keep it. Perhaps Mr. Eppes is with you. He might collect the necessary information by the time we get there.

Shall thank you to send the inclosed to the coachmaker Mr. Kerr. I am Dear sir yr.
affectionate friend & servant, Jas. Monroe

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